(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, when were these representations made and by whom?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—

(a) Yes.

(b) Government do not think that any useful purpose will be served by giving the dates when these representations were made or by mentioning the names of the jenmies who made the representations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—May I know whether these persons who made representations subsequent to the passing of the Bill were persons who had made representations before the Select Committee?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I cannot say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—If you have got the names with reference to that, any information can be given, whether they have made any representation before the Select Committee.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I do not think that their evidence is recorded. Only there have been written representations.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*.—Can we get some idea of the number of the signatories?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—In one petition there were about 27 signatories. In another there were five or six.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Can we take it, Sir, that these are the two instances, of 27 signatories in one petition and five or six signatories in another, that made representations?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—Yes.

Amendments to the Cochin Tenancy Bill.

2. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the amending bill (Bill to amend Act II of 1090) was not one introduced by the Government;

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(b) whether at the consideration stage or at any later stage any amendment was moved by the Government;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, which are these amendments ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether the Government did not consider the Bill as reported by the Select Committee before it was placed before this Council for consideration?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—According to the decision of the Government, Government thought no amendment is to be moved and hence the position taken up in sub-clause (b) that no amendments were moved by Government. Are we right in thinking like that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Government did not think it necessary to move any amendment at that stage.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can we know what induced the Government not to move any amendment? It is because of the recommittal that I ask this question. There was a Government Bill which was placed before the Select Committee. The Select Committee reported and that Bill was considered. The Government is seen not to have tabled any amendment at that time. After considering the Select Committee report of their own Bill Government thought that no amendment at that time was necessary and they did not move any amendment. Are we right in taking it like that?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It might be like that.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Was it the representation made by the Jenmies which influenced the Government to withhold assent?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—That also is one of the main considerations which influenced the Government.

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